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17 May 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Abbot Smith, [REDACTED]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Reported he had had a good talk with [REDACTED] at dinner last evening and [REDACTED] had indicated that the [REDACTED] were on to another Soviet spy and it would appear that this case, when finally wrapped up, may prove to be quite sensational. Mr. Helms commented, in response to a query from the Director, that we had heard nothing from our Station and it was agreed that while a cable report of the Director's conversation should be sent to [REDACTED] the spy case would not be mentioned. However, Mr. Helms undertook to alert the appropriate people in DD/P to notify the Director if and when any information on this matter is received. The Director also remarked that [REDACTED] had mentioned a document obtained by the [REDACTED] reporting on the "big meeting" held in Moscow in December, and asked the Director if he had seen it. Mr. Dulles said that he had advised [REDACTED] that he had read it with a great deal of interest and asked Mr. Helms what distribution had been made. Mr. Helms said the document in question, as the Director would recall, is a series of notes and was rather difficult to interpret. However, steps were being taken to put it in some kind of readable form for dissemination. The Director indicated an interest in seeing this piece again at that time and noted [REDACTED] had earnestly requested that we protect the source since, if it became known, it would most surely dry up.

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b. Reported that the members of the Taylor Committee had lunch with the President on 16 May and at that time made a preliminary report of the recent action in Cuba. The Director said that in all probability there will not be a final overall signed report but, rather, a series of reports on selected aspects of this operation.

c. Reported there was up for consideration the organization of a mechanism for the planning and coordination of cold war strategy (to replace the present 5412 committee), tentatively to be labeled

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"The Cold War Strategy Committee." A chart was shown of this proposed committee and Mr. Bissell commented he strongly urged that the membership remain the same as the preconstituted 5412 Committee, and in particular the representatives to be appointed from State and Defense. He said it would be a grave mistake to downgrade the membership of this committee. It was also agreed that its staff should be comprised of one or more officers from the agencies represented and should not be divided into political, economic, propaganda, military, and paramilitary, and intelligence divisions but, rather, the ~~staff~~ members would call upon ^{on} their respective agencies for support in these fields.

A discussion ensued regarding the White House War Room and it was made clear that a CIA representative should be on duty 24 hours a day -- and in fact this representative would be no more than an extension of the OCI Watch Office component. It was pointed out that should the President carry out his proposed plan to visit the War Room from time to time, inevitably he would seek the opinion of those present on a given situation, and hence the need for CIA to be represented at all times. Mr. Amory pointed out that Commander Shepard, Naval Aide to the President, had stated that he did not wish staffing of the War Room to be comprised of senior people but, rather, junior officers in their early 30's and not above the grade of Captain in the Army and Air Force and Lt. Senior Grade in the Navy. After some further discussion, it was agreed that Mr. Sheldon would prepare a memorandum for the Director, setting forth OCI's views on this matter.



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d. Noted [redacted] that the Shah may be planning to spend more than six days on his current trip, and asked that this be flagged in the CIB. It was agreed the situation in Iran is deteriorating and there is a strong possibility the Shah and his immediate family may "stay away for some time."

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e. Referred to the resignation of [redacted] and asked whether it is necessary that letters be written to [redacted] Mr. Helms

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[] friends in the Agency wish to say about his departure from
government service. *The Sec approved.*
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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Announced that the Killian Committee will meet again on Friday, 26 May (no time specified), and commented that the committee had asked for a number of items prior to that date. He also said that the President had asked for a report of the recommendations of the President's Board of Consultants on Foreign Intelligence Activities.

MR. SMITH:

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25X1 on [] and it was agreed []'s observations could be made available
to the interagency group now meeting on the [] situation. It was 25X1
also agreed there would be no objection to sending copies of the report
in question to Messrs. Bundy, McBride, and Roger Hilsman.

COLONEL WHITE:

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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Noted the Director had received a letter from Senator Fulbright inviting comments on Joint Resolution 77 -- a bill for a Joint Committee on CIA. After some discussion, it was agreed that ~~a~~ ^{the} reply would be ~~be~~ ^{be} first cleared with the White House and then with the Bureau of the Budget.

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